

The taxonomical status
of *Ascotis selenaria bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954
(Lepidoptera : Geometridae : Boarmiinae)

Julius GANEV

Str. Rakovski 84, BG-1000 Sofia, Bulgaria.

The subspecies *bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 of *Ascotis selenaria* (DENIS & SCHIFFERMUELLER, 1775) was described from 1 male and 1 female taken at Varna and nearby Dalgopol, Bulgaria. A comparison of the type material with other specimens taken at the type locality demonstrates that *bureschi* is not a subspecies, but an individual form :

Ascotis selenaria selenaria (DENIS & SCHIFFERMUELLER, 1775)

= *Ascotis selenaria bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 **syn. nov.**

The type specimens were of the first generation, which flies in March-April, although in the original paper it was not stated whether the adults were taken or whether the specimens were reared from larvae. Other specimens taken at the type locality did not differ in any respect from specimens taken elsewhere in Bulgaria or in central and southern Europe. The taxon *bureschi* KARNOSCHITZKY, 1954 is just a dark form of the (smaller) first generation of the nominate subspecies of *Ascotis selenaria* (D. & S.).

Reference

KARNOSCHITZKY, N., 1954. New and rare Lepidoptera of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. *Bull. Inst. Zool.* 3 : 135-161.